

TOWN AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

B. & O. R. R. TIME TABLE.—On and after Sunday June 15th, 1879, Trains will leave Woodstock as follows:

MOVING EAST.
Through Freight Leaves A. M. 7:41
Way Freight Leaves P. M. 2:47
Passenger Train Leaves P. M. 1:41

MOVING WEST.
Way Freight Leaves A. M. 11:20
Passenger Train Leaves P. M. 2:47
Through Freight Leaves P. M. 7:39

The wheat has passed through the month of March without injury and the prospect continues favorable for a bumper crop.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Circuit Court will begin its place on tomorrow, Thursday, April 1st. A considerable amount of business will be transacted.

The B. & O. Railroad, it is said, will erect a new brick depot at Charles-town. We hope that it will treat some other Valley towns to the same luxury.

KEYS FOUND.—A bunch of keys was found on the street near the HERALD office last Monday. The owner can get them by applying at the HERALD office.

Wanted to buy apples for our home trade for cash by W. C. BARRON.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Campbell, President of Virginia Synod, Lutheran Church, calls the members of said Synod, to meet in special convention, at Staunton, Va., on the 21st of April.

The board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute has unanimously sustained the action of the faculty in dismissing eighteen students for insubordination.

THE USUAL CAUSE.—Over-work, late hours, etc. Break down the constitution, make life a burden, if you want relief, take Iron Bitters. For sale by J. S. IRWIN & SONS.

Just in store another car load of Ashton Worthington and Co. Salt extra inducements offered to the trade in lots of ten sacks and upwards.

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BASE BALL.—A new departure. It is rumored that a number of young ladies have organized a base ball club and have selected a very beautiful young man as president of the club.

The Potomac Conference of the Virginia Synod, Lutheran Church, will meet on New Market on the 6th of April. Rev. Dr. J. F. Campbell will open the first question.

If the person who borrowed the gold pen and holder from the Clerk's Office on or about the 18th of March 1880, will return the same, no question will be asked, otherwise there will be an investigation.

The Tar Ball cheese best in the market for sale by W. C. BARRON.

TERM REPORTS.—Teachers will please send term reports with their last monthly reports. The receipt for the last month's report is never sent before the term report is received.

J. H. GRABILL.

Scarlet Fever of a malignant type is prevailing at Mile Dale in Warren County. There have been several deaths. Among the number, is that of Mrs. Buckner G. Ashby, an amiable and kind lady of that place.

BRICK.—We hope the contemplated improvements in our town will not be delayed this summer for the want of brick. Let it be known that brick will be used and we have enterprising citizens who will see that the demand will be supplied.

Big decline in leather for cash at W. C. BARRON'S.

The rough weather of Easter caused many of our people to keep within doors. In spite of cold winds and a snow storm, a game of base ball was played on the commons. The boys found amusement in firing a number of rounds from a piece of artillery lately presented to Capt. Riddleberger.

Some of our timid fruit growers were alarmed about the fruit and feared that the recent cold weather had frozen the buds. They can take courage from the fact that leaf year is said to be a prolific year without regard to the weather.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Hotel, Smith & Co. These gentlemen will accommodate the local trade by keeping flour, corn meal, &c., at their Warehouse near the depot, and will at all times be prepared to fill all orders, whether large or small.

We have in store the celebrated Head Light and Safety oil used on Locomotives on account of its superior brilliancy, low by W. C. BARRON'S.

ANDERSON GUARDS.—You are hereby ordered to appear in the Court House Square, Saturday April 31st 1880, at 4 o'clock, P. M. in full dress uniform, for regular monthly parade.

By order
J. W. MAGRUDER, Capt.
C. W. FRAYEL, Ist. Sergt.

TO THE CHAMPION, FIRST TEN.—As our former challenge was not accepted on account of a mere technicality, we the "Scrubs" do hereby challenge you to play us a match game of base ball, the ball played with to be the property of the winner. The time and place to be determined as customary.

SCRUBS.

The alarm of fire last Wednesday was caused by the burning of a foul chimney. The fire company was promptly on hand, the cistern near the fire was full of water and everything seemed to show that we had a first class fire department. Two facts were made obvious—more cisterns and more hose are needed. Every body can see that, when there's fire or danger of fire.

Cut loaf sugar 123 cents per lb. at W. C. BARRON'S.

THE NEW MOUNTAIN ROAD.—The new mountain road from Edinburg to Powell's Fort is progressing well. If an engineer's skill is to be judged by his success, this road has been in charge of one of the best engineers of the State, Mr. Geo. Rye, who has charge, has certainly displayed great skill and has made a road in which the grades are less than those on the Valley Pike.

On the other side of the mountain, the road is almost completed. On this side a great deal of heavy work has been done and a good road, almost level, will take the place of an old road with very steep grades. If our Board of Supervisors could be induced to visit this road and examine it thoroughly, we are satisfied they would be convinced that the appropriation was one of the best investments ever made by the county. If the money that is annually wasted on the roads of this county were judiciously expended, we could have good roads in every direction.

As an instance of extravagance, twenty or thirty men are frequently employed in doing with pick and shovel the work which two or three men could do with a road plow and scraper. Notwithstanding the fact that so much more can be done with proper implements, there is scarcely a district in this county that has these necessary implements.

Every district should have them and the roads should be worked economically and well. If it should cost twenty or twenty-five dollars to purchase good implements for a district, the money would be well invested and one season's work would more than pay for them. Let the experiment of hiring three good men, furnished with the necessary road making implements be tried for one month on one of our roads. The result, we think, would convince road overseers and commissioners, that thousands of dollars can be saved by proper management in road making.

Our Schools.

The school operation is a vast one, and does not command a hundredth part of the attention it merits. We seldom see an article upon the school question. Teachers should talk and write more upon school matters, and keep them constantly in view. Who talks of schools? The courts, the auctions, the manufactories, the concerts, the churches, the hotels and politics, are talked of abundantly; but who enquires about schools?

Does the stranger when he enumerates the places he must visit, place the school on the list? Does the gentleman of leisure visit the school? Does the fashionable lady visit the school? There is a more serious question. Does the parent visit the school—the place where the destiny of his child is in an important sense determined? We have known a mother to keep her daughter from school, and go with her to the dress makers, paying the strictest attention to every fold, ribbon and furrow, but who never goes to the school room to see how the intellect is advancing. Parents usually do not speak of the school with interest at home. Some one will perhaps say to the child when it returns in the evening—"Well do they make you study pretty hard?"—or, "did you get a flogging to-day?"—or, "is your master pretty savage?" And such is often the most respectable notice a child hears, while a faithful teacher is laboring for the advancement of the school, and trying to create enthusiasm for study and a high estimate of school opportunities. The child goes away to school in the morning, and returns again in the evening; the parents treat the matter as a necessity, which must be submitted to for a time. They expect the work to go on, but they show little interest in its progress; perhaps not even visiting the school once in five months; and the child feels that the school days of the day are the most uninteresting to the family. We do not pretend to say that such is always the case, for there are a few families that form beautiful exceptions, but we know that it is too much so.

All business or professional men receive a degree of assistance and attention in their calling that is denied the man or woman who conducts the education of spiritual beings.

This state of things may often be observed in families where we might expect greater concern about education, and where great concern is professed, but not practically carried out.

There are many families accounted civilized and Christian, where the impression is constantly made upon the children, that to call cases of boots and shoes, or to ship flour, beef or wheat, is far more honorable than to guide the intellect, and form the habit of reasoning and feeling, and thus in a measure decide the future condition of an intelligent being. Why is it so? How long will it be so?

These are important questions.

LUKE HUNTER.

A BLOCKADE RAISED.—Friday week Messrs. Moore and McDonald, owners of a farm in Clarke county, Va., acting on an injunction granted by Judge Staples, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, "obstructed" the Shenandoah Valley railroad by tearing up several rails on their farm, the difficulty being in regard to an unsettled claim for land damages. On Thursday last the company effected a compromise with the owners of the farm and travel was resumed, much to the delight of the friends of the road.

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